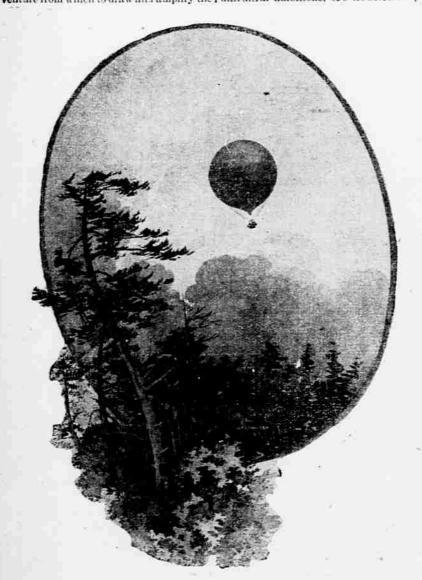


## Adventurous Newspaper Man's Experiences During a Balloon Voyage.

By FRANK H. TAYLOR.

For the man who accepts in the presence of witnesses, or who, for that matter, admits having accepted in a casual way an invitation to participate in a balloon journey there is no retreat. From that reckless, unguarded moment he becomes a changed being, in whose bosom a struggle cassing the rigging, and the other rythmically thaunting a Star Spangled Banner. Yes, all fear had gone from us. The happenings of the most venturesome life seem between timidity and pride through all of By FRANK H. TAYLOR. being, in whose bosom a struggle ensues between timidity and pride through all of his waking hours, and even colors his sleep with distressful dreams. He is a marked man. His friends and neighbors point at him with whisperings. Some cajole and others, most exasperating of the lot, compose for his edification comic epitaphs and obituaries. Happiest is the bystander at an ascension, who goes unexpectedly, because there happens to be room for one more; who is hustled into the big basket, and is off before he has time for repentance. For him is all the glory for repentance. For him is all the glory of nerve, all of the magnificence of experience, all notoriety, and, best of all, a full share in the rich fund of strange advantage of the magnificence of experience, all notoriety, and, best of all, a full share in the rich fund of strange advantage of the magnificence of experience, all notoriety, and, best of all, a small but imperative anxieties which have been his heritage, his losses, his unfruitful ambitions, the troubles of yes-

The most timid young man in the party



THE BUFFALO TWO MILES ABOVE THE EARTH.

ral balloonists of repute, and has se-

of inflation, attendants constantly lowering traveling at night in this upper kingdom these weights and adding to them as the power of the growing monster

At 2 o'clock the balloon had taken all of the gas its distended size could hold. Then with much care the weights were shifted to drop lines and the aerostal allowed to lift until room was made for the car Strong lines attached to the netting were lashed to a heavy hickory ring, to which in turn the basket car was appended. The anchors, drag-rope, ballast (nearly 1,000 pounds of sand in bags), a tent, and many other things were piled into or appended from the rigging, and this, the car, the air-ship "Buffalo" stood ready, gently sway-ing, a beautiful craft, 80 feet or more in hight, surrounded by a vast, perspiring, excited multitude, filling every avenue of approach, and the windows or roofs of all

nearby structures.

All the "elect" who were to go as offerings to the fates for the delight of the multitude were close at hand. Seven persons accord

were close at hand. Seven persons accompanied Prof. King upon this occasion, five being local journalists.

Some of the principal dangers incident to aeronautics attend the details of getting away from the midst of the surging, uncontrollable crowd, and escaping telegraph poles, trees, and church steeples. All of these were safely cleared as the Buffalo

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balance of his life equally with his fellow terday, and it is borne home to his under-voyagers, who have suffered so keenly standing that he is but a molecule upon under calm and brazen exteriors up to the moment of flight.

Years ago the writer, in the course of business as an illustrator, was beguiled into a series of aeronautic excursions with control of the past. Certainly a balloon of the past. Certainly a balloon of the past.

several balloonists of repute, and has selected as the most extended and certainty the most varied of his experiences of this sort, a voyage havi g its beginning in the Public Square of the city of Cleveland.

Prof. Samuel A. King, of Philadelphia, had contracted with the city authorities to One of the most bulky of our articles

the apex of the balloon. A little later the sounds of the inhabited lands no longer mass had taken form of a great dome, show-reached us, only the faint roar of swift ing, with its ribbed net-work and yellow rivers pouring over rocky ramparts, varnish, like a huge pineapple cheese.

The sand-bags were secured to the knots motive. No other sound seems to reach as of the netting by snaffles all around the base far skywad as that of moving water. In



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over field and house-top. We now re-sumed communication with our fellow-men. Probably no other event possible in the monotone of rustic life is so calculated to stir up and reveal individual peculiarities as the advent of a balloon, especially such a balloon as the Buffalo, and if it is grand and inspiring to drift at great altitudes, it is unspeakably comical and entertaining to keen along for miles, just over treetops and villages, exchanging gibes with the natives, calcouraging breathless pursuers, and being sociable generally. Every scrap of printed matter thrown out of the balloon is eagerly picked up and saved as a souvenir. Years after this voyage, when Gen. Garfield had won the nomination for the Presidency, the writer went among the securs of his early days, and at Hiram, O., recognized certain local features and concluded that this village had been upon the course of the Baffalo. This proved a cornect surmise, as the driver of the "loss" still had one of our as the driver of the keep along for miles, just over treetops and villages, exchanging giles with the natives.

oblishness." A pleasant-faced housewife called to us that supper was just ready, and npon a green lawn a bevy of pretty girls plend vainly, alas! to be taken on board. Dispatches to friends were dropped to operators at way stations in envelopes pro-

here and there little fleeces of cloud which shaped themselves from the blue nothing-ness while we watched. These coalesced into greater clouds which kept an even pace with us toward the east. They spread Prof. Samuel A. King, of Philadelphia, had contracted with the city authorities to make a Fourth of July assension in his manmoth balloon Buffalo. This famed aeronaut was then, and still continues to be, easily the foremost of those engaged in this hazardous calling in the United States.

Of great stature, and possessed of reliable nerves, resolute bearing, and an abundance of good nature, he seems peculiarly fitted for his occupation, and his wonderfules capes in many crises of real peril are largely due to these qualities, which inspire those who accompany him aloft with a comfortable sense of security and confidence.

At daybreak upon the hot July morning a gang of city laborers came into the Public Square and began to dig into the margin of the highway, soon uncovering a gasmain. Then wagons came laden with the heavy aerostat, or balloon proper, the netting, basket-car, anchors, and cordage.

A squad of police were busy by 9 o'clock in maintaining an open space in the center of which the big yellow bag was spread out, connected by a long tube with the gas main, and already beginning to show bubbles of inflation here and there. Men were basy filling bags with sand, others dragged the net over the aerostat, and the professor was personally engaged in fastening the valve, a most vital matter, to the apex of the balloon. A little later the professor was personally engaged in fastening the valve, a most vital matter, to the apex of the balloon. A little later the second of the second of the laboration of the work of the professor was personally engaged in the impact in descending, and by weight upon to love rule at neveral was not with the sun in the ground, to keep the balloon at an even elegand to keep the balloon of the story, paying it on the remarked our clower than the theory of the regions traversed when now of the search, and now, gentlemen, "remarked our remarked our the humper." Then the crow such a constitution of the search of the leould only approximate our course. At noon a rift in the clouds disclosed Gil City almost immediately below. Messages to Cleveland were dropped in shotted envised by the clouds closed in the clouds eneath our car and closed the earth from

ped into the trees. It caught a sturdy limb, and the Buffalo swung wildly to and fro. The valve was opened wide while the photographer and the artist laboriously pulled in grapher and the drust randoms y pines in the drag-rope. As chance allowed other lashings were made to the tree, which twisted and bowed like a wheat stalk under



THE BUFFALO AFTER THE STORM

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As the Buffalo drifted in the evening shadows one sturdy old fellow refused to stop his milking and join in the general ex-citement, as he had "no time for such daried foolishness." A pleasant-faced homewife se was furnished by an orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Maria W. Going, Depart-ment Junior Vice-President, Miss May Landt acted as pianist, Mrs. Bodge, National President, was one of the guests and gave a pleasing address. Mrs. Robin-complement Provident was assisted

Ellsworth Corps, 7, of Corvallis, Ore. gave an enthusiastic reception to the Ore gon boys who returned from Manila and gon boys who returned from Manila and the Veterans of '61 to '65. This Corps was recently inspected by the Department President. She commended the officers and members very highly on their beautiful

work.

A. W. Ellet Corps, 44, Yoncalla, Ore., report their inspection by Past Department President Mrs. Frazer. A "phantom social" on Oct. 31 was a success. This is a small Corps, but a very earnest and enthusiastic

Oliver P. Morton Corps. 37, La Grande, Ore., has been holding a series of afternoon teas for the purpose of raising funds, as well as for social intercourse. A serving committee of five ladies is appointed, who furnish the refreshments for the afternoon each having the privilege of inviting five guests. Each Corps member may invite one. A fee of 10 cents is charged each one

M. A. Ross Corps, of Orient, gave a basket social for the purpose of raising funds to improve the hall. It was a social as well as financial success. Comrade T. A. Shetterly and wife celebrated their china dding Dec. 1. They received many valu

Nathan Baker Corps, 43, Elgin, gave a Nathan Baker Corps, 43, Elgin, gave a pleasant reception to the Post at a regular meeting in November. Refreshments were served. The veterans were boys en high to only 100 most 23, 1885, Post 400 paid the New York City. It is "No. 516" of the Department of New York, and is in a prosperous condition.

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TEXAS. The members of the Woman's Relief orps gave a reception recently to their lepartment Inspector, Mrs. Martha B. zeels, of Dallas, at the bome of their Presi-ent. Mrs. Leeds has held the office of spector for the past two years, having en elected by a unanimous vote at the at Convention in April. Mrs. Leeds reported Geo. B. McClellan, 6, of Houston, in excellent condition, yet little deficient in the flag drill, in which

e instructed the members. Inspection day for John A. Dix Corps, 9, as a very enjoyable/occasion. The hall as tastefully decorated, and the Depart-ent Inspector, Mrs. Martha B. Leeds, was eccived with the honor due her position. After her official duties had been finished Mrs. Leeds was presented with a beautiful ouquet of fragrant flowers by the Presilent, Mrs. Heelan, in behalf of the ladies



out-of-focus result nearly as painful as the view it represented.

The tale of our descent to the settlements condition, both financially and otherwise.

ment Senior Vice-President, and Emma Berry Baxter, Past bepartment President, were present and spoke regarding the Order. Sophronia Hasler Tent, 10, of Webster, assisted the bead Post in entertaining the Department officers of the G.A.R. and many Pests from surremeding towns at a recent Campfire. Mary A. Bickerlyke Tent, 21, of Clinton, assisted the G.A.R. Post of the town in a fair, which netted for Post of the town in a fair, which netted for the Post relief find \$500.

## FIRST NAVAL VETERAN POST.

Organized by Philadelphia Shipmates Nearly Seventeen Years Ago.

The successful formation of a Post whose memorship should consist exclusively of Naval Veterans was an event of consider-

bispatches to friends were dropped to operators at way stations in envelopes provided with long tails of tissue-paper.

Small whirtwinds of dust all along the roads indicated the following of excited men in carriage or the saddle. Firm hands and dogs wrestled with our elastic drag-rope, but finally we were pulled down to solid earth in a pleasant place by the hospitable neighbors, and when the Buffalo lade here properly weighted and moored we accepted the good things which seem to await all lailloon folk who here the sense to land decorously in a civilized section.

At surrise the reads and fields about the Buffalo already resembled a County fair, the many farm teams and dusty prediction of the volume training the scholars of the higher grades in the seaboard, and was prepared to carry two of the party. As the writer would thus be homeward bound and the photographer was anxious to secure more pictures, it was an devent of considers som, Department President, was an seisaled to form the mental place by the broads in factoring in the evening.

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The patriotic meeting recently held by Corps 162, of Plymouth, for the benefit of the scholars of the higher grades in the public service; hence, the formation of a Navil Post the public scholar was a decided success. The lower was an event of considers where were proming the may alway the few and provided with dancing in the evening.

Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past National Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past National Mrs. Mary E. Knowles, Past Nationa by her efforts has added a large sum to the Department emergency fund, and other lalent from Boston, assisted in making the entertainment a success.

Corps 72, of Milford, will realize \$176 from Corps 72, of Milford, will realize to the civil war. Admiral David D. Porter and many other distinguished naval offiits recent sale and entertainment.

The Department Relief Committee, Mrs. | cers became identified with the Post as active members.



WILLIAM SIMMONS.

The muster-in ceremonies of the Naval hall of the Benevolent Order of Elks, Tenth and Callowhill streets. Philadelphia, on the evening of Dec. 12, 1883. There were present many distinguished visitors, including National and Departmental officers, and much interest was manifested.

Through correspondence and the Through correspondence and the per-sonal effort of some of the memoers of Naval Post, 400, a Naval Post was organ-York brethren a fraternal visit, and re-ceived a royal welcome.

On Memorial Day, 1886, the New York shipmates returned the visit, and presented Post 400 with a handsome capstan, which

forms a very appropriate ornament to the Philadelphia Post room, Shipmate Simmons, who first suggested the establishment of a Post of Naval veterans, is well known in both G.A.R. and Naval Veteran circles. He has served his

Post as Trusice, Caphain, Quart-roaster, and Commander. In the affairs of the Na-tional Association of Naval Veterans he has taken a prominent part, and for some years has been its Historian.

## Ladies of the G.A.R.

The National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. Mrs. Julia P. Shade, of Phila-delphia, was in Chicago recently on official business connected with the National Enenapment. She has made a lost of friends during her visit. Dec. 19 she was tendered a reception by the members of the Order, and was formally presented to over 500 of the most prominent sisters of the Order and comrades, being assisted by the De-partment Officers of Illinois G.A.R. and offi-

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